

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Cabinet** held in **The Council Chamber, Spennymoor Council Offices, Green Lane, Spennymoor, Co Durham** on **Wednesday 6 April 2016** at **10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor A Napier (Deputy Leader of the Council) in the Chair

Members of the Cabinet:

Councillors J Allen, J Brown, N Foster, L Hovvels, O Johnson, M Plews, B Stephens and E Tomlinson

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Simon Henig, Leader of the Council, and the Corporate Director for Children and Adults Services and the Director of Public Health, whose representatives were present.

Also Present:

Councillors J Armstrong, J Clare, P Conway, M Dixon, B Graham, B Kellett and A Liversidge

1 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 16 and 23 March 2016 were confirmed as correct records.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 County Durham Plan - the next steps and Assessing Development Proposals in County Durham [Key Decision: R&ED/03/16]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development which requested agreement to an approach to deliver a local plan for County Durham including a Local Development Scheme, setting out the timetable for its delivery, and, a Statement for Community Involvement which sets out how the Council will involve the community and stakeholders as it progresses.

The report also sought Cabinet agreement to the Statement of Community Involvement 2016, for consultation. The Cabinet was also requested to endorse a revised Policy Position Statement intended to provide for a consistent approach to handling development proposals until the emerging local plan has progressed sufficiently to be given weight in planning decisions. The Position Statement will provide consistency for the benefit of Members, Officers, Developers and the public (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

5 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the refresh of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2019

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Children and Adults Services which presented a summary of key messages from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2015 (JSNA) and the refreshed County Durham Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) 2016-2019 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

6 Annual Review of the Constitution

The Cabinet considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which presented proposals for the revision of the Council's Constitution (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

7 ICT Strategy 2016 - 2019

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Resources relating to the IT Strategy which covers a three year period from April 2016 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.

8 Transport Asset Management Plan - Annual Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which provided Cabinet with an annual update on the Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

9 Annual Enforcement Programme Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991 and Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which reviewed enforcement activities under the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991, the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 and the Licensing Act 2003 for the period April 2015 to March 2016. The report also sought approval to a new enforcement programme for 2016/17 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

The Cabinet approved the recommendation contained in the report.

10 County Durham Partnership Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which updated the Cabinet on issues being addressed by the County Durham Partnership (CDP) including the board, the five thematic partnerships and all area action partnerships (AAPs). The report also included updates on other key initiatives being carried out in partnership across the county (for copy see file of minutes).

Cabinet members spoke of the excellent partnership work taking place, on the success achieved through the Area Action Partnerships, and that through the work in setting up an armed forces forum which was to promote the help and support available to forces personnel the Council had received a silver award in the Ministry of Defences Employer Recognition Scheme.

Resolved:

The Cabinet noted the report.